MMTC Ltd. during the past three years has been as under :

(Rs. in Crores

Year	Turnover
1990-91 . .	5622.98
1991-92 . .	8115.77
1992-93 (Prov.) .	4995.71

(b) and (c) The present level of trade handled by MMTC with Russia, other CIS Republics and Europe during 1993-94 are as under :

(April-July)

	Import (Rs. (Crores)	Export Rs. (Crores)
Russia . . .	22.33	4.35
Other CIS Republics	0.49	0.42
Europe . . .	—	26.19

Deputation of Business Delegations, establishment of liaison officers, and warehouses in Moscow and Alma-Ata are some of the steps being taken by MMTC to boost exports to this region.

Training of youths in Gem cutting and polishing

3146. SHRI MUTHU MANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any action to train youth in Gem cutting and polishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plan to give 25% subsidy to the entrepreneurs involved in gem industry on the machinery used for gem cutting and polishing, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Training in gem/diamond cutting and polishing is being imparted at various institutes which include the Indian Diamond Institute, Surat, the Gemstones Artisan Training School, Jaipur and the Indian Gemmological Institute, New Delhi.

(c) No, Sir. However, some machinery and equipment used by exporters of gem and jewellery can be imported at a concessional rate of duty of 25%.

Border trade between India and Myanmar

3147. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conveyed to the Chief Minister of Manipur that border trade between India and Myanmar would soon be opened;

(b) whether an agreement to this effect has been signed with Myanmar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The Government had informed the Chief Minister of Manipur that the proposal to regularise the border trade between India and Myanmar was under consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement with China for supply of construction material

3148. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered a variety of construction material including steel, granite etc. to China;

(b) if so, whether offer was made by the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission and ex-Commerce Minister ; and

(c) if so, whether any agreement in this regard was reached with Chinese Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The suggetion was made by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the then Commerce Minister during his recent visit to China in the first week of June, 1993. Chinese side agreed to consider it.